

effort likely to undermine its reputation and interfere with a resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

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**United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act:** The House passed H.R. 4759, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, by a yeas and nays vote of 314 yeas to 109 nays and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 375.

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H. Res. 712, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 377 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 371.

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**Project BioShield Act of 2003:** The House passed S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures, by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 376—clearing the measure for the President.

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The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement that was reached on Tuesday, July 13.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5793–94.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5687, H5687–88, H5688–89, H5689–90, H5720, H5740–41. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and the District of Columbia.

### VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act.

### RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY FUTURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Radio Frequency Identification (REID) Technology: What the Future Holds for Commerce, Security, and the Consumer.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS—E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum to each of the following individuals: William Holman; Judy Green; George Marchelos; and Thomas J. Burger, in connection with its investigation of the E-Rate Program.

### MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTORS AND CONSUMER CHOICE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Competition and Consumer Choice in the MVPD Marketplace—Including an Examination of Proposals to Expand Consumer Choice, Such as A La Carte and Themed-Tiered Offerings.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### USDA’S EXPANDED CATTLE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Agriculture:* held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of USDA’s Expanded BSE Cattle Surveillance Program.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Ann M. Veneman, Secretary; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

### IMPROVING IG FUNCTIONALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Improving IG Functionality and Independence—A Review of Legislative Ideas.” Testimony was heard from Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, FDIC; Barry R. Snyder, Inspector General, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

### HEALTH INFORMATICS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Health Informatics: What is the Prescription for Success in Intergovernmental Information Sharing

and Emergency Response?" Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; David A. Power, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; Claire V. Broome, M.D., Senior Advisor to the Director for Integrated Health Information Systems, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich of Georgia; and public witnesses.

#### ISLAM IN ASIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Islam in Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3313, Marriage Protection Act of 2003.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery; H.R. 1630, amended, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2129, amended, Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act; H.R. 2400, To amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 2457, amended, Castillo De San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act; H.R. 2960, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; H.R. 3056, amended, To clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; H.R. 3257, amended, Western Reserve Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 3334, amended, Riverside-Corona Feeder Authorization Act; H.R. 3427, amended, Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act; H.R. 3479, amended, Brown Tree Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003; H.R. 3589, amended, To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands; H.R. 3597, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California; H.R. 3954, amended, Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act; H.R. 4010, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization

Act of 2004; H.R. 4027, amended, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; H.R. 4045, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; H.R. 4170, amended, Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004; H.R. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; H.R. 4481, amended, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004; H.R. 4492, amended, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1966 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas; H.R. 4494, amended, Grey Towers National Historic Site Act of 2004; H.R. 4508, To amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park; H.R. 4606, amended, Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act; H.R. 4617, amended, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land; H.R. 4625, Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2004; S. 943, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming; S. 1003, To clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River; S. 1537, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery; S. 1576, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003; and S. 1721, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003.

#### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to

accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

## TRADE FAIRNESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Trade Fairness: How We Can Make Our Trade Laws Work for America's Small Businesses, including discussion of H.R. 3716, to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket countries. Testimony was heard from Representatives English and Davis of Alabama; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—IN-LINE EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on In-Line Explosive Detection Systems: Financing and Deployment. Testimony was heard from Randy Null, Acting Assistant Administrator, Aviation Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

## U.S.-MOROCCO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

## GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM—CRITICAL NEED FOR INTERROGATION

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on The Critical Need for Interrogation in the Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

## COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, and to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine preventing chronic disease through healthy lifestyles, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing from the Department of Defense regarding International Committee of the Red Cross reports on U.S. military detainee operations in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine regulation of the hedge fund industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, and Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Nielsen local people meter TV rating system, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1852, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, S. 2142, to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 2181, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 2374, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma; S. 2397 and H.R. 3706, bills to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California, H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and S. Con. Res. 121, supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine a report on the latest round of six-way talks regarding nuclear weapons in North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine